

PARISH BULLETIN – CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF SAINT VERONICA’S
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MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17TH, 2019

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 2019

4:30 P.M. All Parishioners

SUNDAY, FEB. 17TH, 2019-6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 A.M. Allan Mackinnon Sharon Ste Croix
11:00 A.M. Emmanuel Lewis Eugenie

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 2019

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2019

7:00 P.M. Elizabeth Zey Schulte Andrew & Andrea

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2019

9:15 A.M. Ron Daley Ronald MacDougall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2019

9:00 A.M. Mabel Louise MacDonald The O’Neill Family
9:30 A.M. NOON EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2019-CHAIR OF ST. PETER

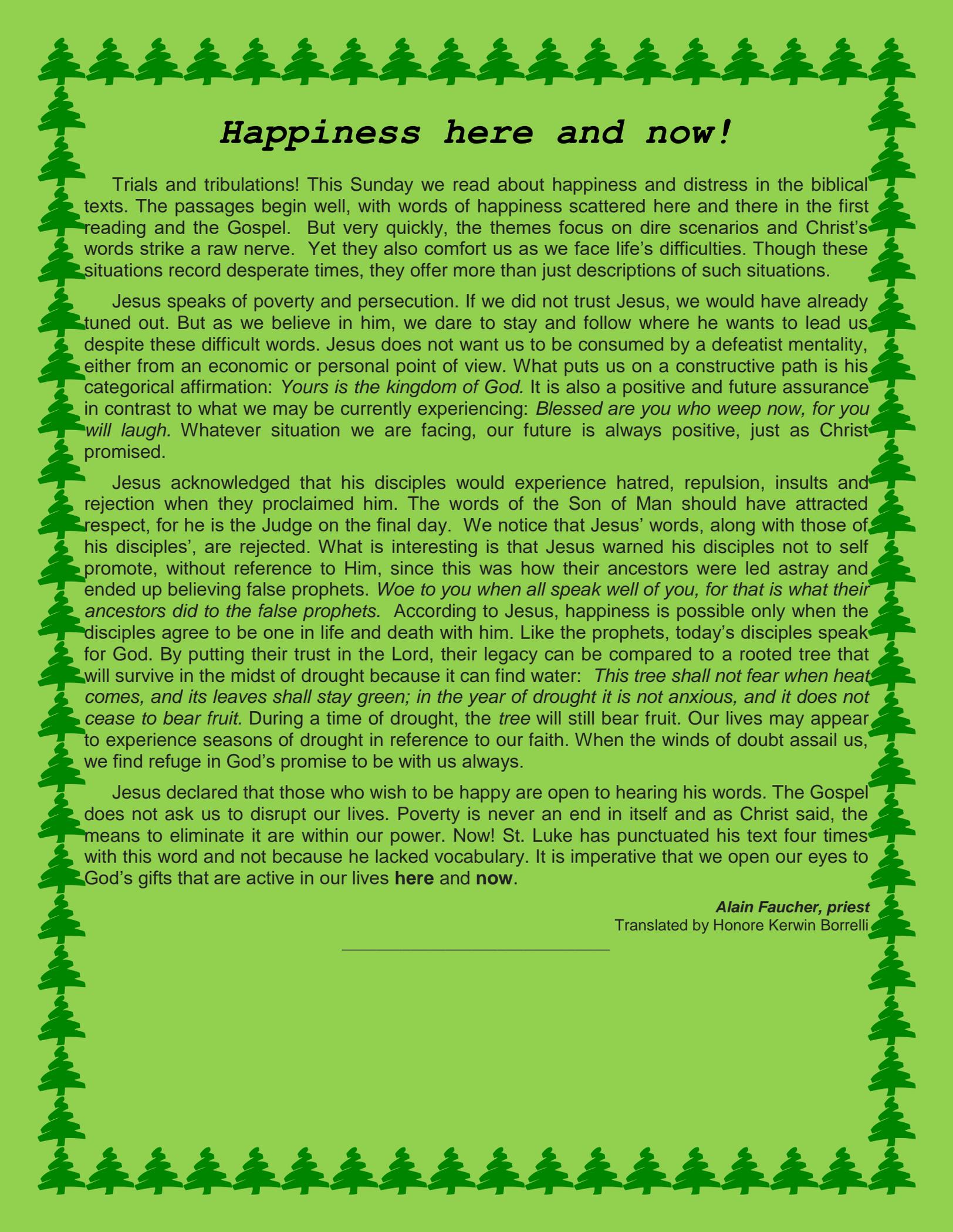
9:00 A.M. Dec’d members of the Ferrie-Daley Family The Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD, 2019

4:30 P.M. Ines Monti Mom

SUNDAY, FEB. 24TH, 2019-7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 A.M. Mildred & Bill Smith Beverley & Earl
11:00 A.M. Claire Bissonnette Claire & Pierre



Happiness here and now!

Trials and tribulations! This Sunday we read about happiness and distress in the biblical texts. The passages begin well, with words of happiness scattered here and there in the first reading and the Gospel. But very quickly, the themes focus on dire scenarios and Christ's words strike a raw nerve. Yet they also comfort us as we face life's difficulties. Though these situations record desperate times, they offer more than just descriptions of such situations.

Jesus speaks of poverty and persecution. If we did not trust Jesus, we would have already tuned out. But as we believe in him, we dare to stay and follow where he wants to lead us despite these difficult words. Jesus does not want us to be consumed by a defeatist mentality, either from an economic or personal point of view. What puts us on a constructive path is his categorical affirmation: *Yours is the kingdom of God*. It is also a positive and future assurance in contrast to what we may be currently experiencing: *Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh*. Whatever situation we are facing, our future is always positive, just as Christ promised.

Jesus acknowledged that his disciples would experience hatred, repulsion, insults and rejection when they proclaimed him. The words of the Son of Man should have attracted respect, for he is the Judge on the final day. We notice that Jesus' words, along with those of his disciples', are rejected. What is interesting is that Jesus warned his disciples not to self promote, without reference to Him, since this was how their ancestors were led astray and ended up believing false prophets. *Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets*. According to Jesus, happiness is possible only when the disciples agree to be one in life and death with him. Like the prophets, today's disciples speak for God. By putting their trust in the Lord, their legacy can be compared to a rooted tree that will survive in the midst of drought because it can find water: *This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit*. During a time of drought, the *tree* will still bear fruit. Our lives may appear to experience seasons of drought in reference to our faith. When the winds of doubt assail us, we find refuge in God's promise to be with us always.

Jesus declared that those who wish to be happy are open to hearing his words. The Gospel does not ask us to disrupt our lives. Poverty is never an end in itself and as Christ said, the means to eliminate it are within our power. Now! St. Luke has punctuated his text four times with this word and not because he lacked vocabulary. It is imperative that we open our eyes to God's gifts that are active in our lives **here** and **now**.

Alain Faucher, priest

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

INTERNATIONAL "POT LUCK" SUPPER Saturday February 23 at 6:00 pm

LOCATION: SURREY COMMUNITY CENTRE (DORVAL NORTH) POT LUCK means bring a main dish, salad or desert to be shared. You may bring your own wine or liquor. Coffee, tea, soft drinks will be provided. THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT – DONATION \$ 5 PER FAMILY \$ 2 FOR SINGLES. IMPORTANT. You must call one of the names listed below to confirm your attendance. DEADLINE is Monday February 18.

HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE!!!

BEATE CLOETTA 514-695-5752
MARGO HERON 514-631-6533
MARYLIN TURPIN 514-631-1616
CECILE CONDON 514-631-1115

Are you looking for a completely different kind of Lenten retreat experience. Consider participating in **Welcome to the Feast. The Story of the Eucharist in Scripture.** Over a period of 5 consecutive Mondays (March 18, 25, April 3, 8, 15) we shall explore the following topics: Some Old Testament Feasts with God, A wedding Feast in the Kingdom of God, The Last Supper, The Eucharist in Paul and Acts, The Eucharist and John's Gospel. Join us in deepening our faith as we discuss these topics. This experience will help us approach Holy Thursday with a whole new understanding of the Eucharist. Choose either the afternoon or evening group. Cost \$30:00 per person. Register by Sunday, February 24th by filling out the form in the binder in the alcove at the back of the church.

CWL: There will not be a general meeting this coming week....Next Sunday, the 24th, we are celebrating our 66th Anniversary at the 9am mass with special refreshments served in the Hall afterward.

Maison Donalda Boyer is looking for lunch time volunteers. This requires being available from 10:00am to 2:00pm on a day of your choosing Monday through Friday. Following the service you are treated to a delicious meal. If interested please contact the Director – Frederique Lamy at 514-780-4400 or Emile LaCoste at 514-631-3608.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND....will be for the Maintenance Fund. Please give to the best of your ability.

THE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND ... amounted to \$2710.00 for the regular collection. Thank you for your contribution.

